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It has been observed that some of the authorized CGD entities are not in a position to supply gas to industrial/commercial consumers as the requisite infrastructure is not in place. Similarly, for Geographical Areas (GAs) to be authorized under 9th CGD Bidding Round, supply of natural gas to industrial/commercial consumers will take some time before these are in a position to supply gas to industrial/commercial consumers.

2. To address such issues, PNGRB vide notification dated 06.04.2018 has inserted a proviso to Regulation 3 (2) (a) of PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008, which is reproduced as given below:

Provided that until CGD Network is ready to supply natural gas to a customer (other than domestic PNG and CNG), such customers shall have right to get the supply of natural gas from any other alternate source or supplier, with prior permission of the Board, and if, once CGD Network is ready to supply natural gas to such customer, then, such customer shall cease to get supply of natural gas from such alternate source or supplier after 30 days of receipt of notice of readiness from the CGD network.

3. Post-notification of aforesaid amendment, PNGRB is in receipt of various requests/applications from Consumers for supply of Natural Gas from Pipeline or Alternate Source until the readiness of CGD Network in authorized Geographical Areas (GAs) or in areas yet to be authorized under Regulation 3 (2) (a) of PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008.

4. In order to address these communications/applications and larger objective of supply of Natural Gas to Consumer in absence of CGD Network, PNGRB is envisaged to amend the afore-said Regulation. Draft amendment Regulation has been prepared and enclosed herewith for comments of Stakeholders involved.

5. The comments/views may be submitted to the Secretary, PNGRB within 21 days from the date of issuance of this public notice through e-mail (secretary@pngrb.gov.in) and/or in writing through the post at the above-mentioned address.

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